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## \$300,000,000 FOR RECLAMATION WORK

(By Ralph M. Whitside.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 11.—Secretary of the Interior Lane is in dead earnest in his determination to have the government embark in a comprehensive plan for the reclamation of lands in the west and southwest, and it is said today that he will be prepared to submit his plan to congress when it meets in regular session.

The scheme, which at a glance is comparatively insignificant, will add hundreds of thousands of acres to the productive area of the public domain. Already he has the outlines of his scheme in shape and has begun conference with experts with the idea of working out the details.

Mr. Lane has received assurances of support from a large number of congressmen and senators from the west and southwest, including several members of the Texas delegation, who are all keenly interested in the proposition.

Texas is perhaps more vitally interested in Lane's plans than any other state, as she has a far greater area of land which may be made wonderfully productive by irrigation than any state in the union. The plan may be bounded to include in its scope the reclamation of all the arid west, and the vast swamp lands in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and east of the Mississippi. If it is, it will receive the support of many national legislators from the states which would be thus benefited.

A southwestern congressman in assisting secretary Lane of his hearty support for the scheme, said: "The investment of \$300,000,000, if that amount is needed, in the reclamation plan would be a better investment than the building of the Panama canal."

"As a matter of fact, whatever amount is expended in adding to the arable land of the country would be merely a temporary investment, for it would be paid back into the treasury in the sale of the land, thus given value," he said, "while the whole country would benefit in the increased production, the widening of opportunity and the growth of thrifty prosperous population."

This seems to be the general idea. Secretary Lane hopes to be able to outline his plan in December in his first report to congress. If this is found to be impossible, a carefully prepared measure will be introduced in congress at the earliest possible moment and may be said on high authority that it will receive the hearty approval and support of President Wilson.

### Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas in his wisdom God has called from mortal to immortal Walter Helms, son of our sister, Mrs. Joseph Ritz. Be it resolved: That the Baptist Ladies Aid society extend their sincere sympathy of its members to herself and family in this their hour of deep sorrow.

And be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, one sent to the family and to each of the local papers.

MRS. DR. HERRING,  
MRS. J. E. WHITMORE,  
MRS. W. H. ROBERTS,  
Committee.

### HE DID THINK.

A Quay county man does not like to hear the howling wind as it goes through the cracks and knot holes of the second floor of his building so he is working up a plan to put a wind organ in the best place and try to stop all the other places. Instead of being blue from the dismal sounds, this man looked up and listened for something better and the idea jumped into his head. There are thousands of good ideas around every person's head and all of us should let more of them come in.

### COMMERCIAL COURSES

#### BEING BOOSTED

State College, Oct. 17.—The commercial department of the college has just issued a booklet setting forth the advantages offered to young people of New Mexico for business training in that department. The various courses are described in detail and attention is called to the fine record made by graduates of the department, which has been training young New Mexicans for business careers for the past twenty years and numbers among its graduates many leading business men of the State.

### SAN FRANCISCO WANTS

#### WATER TO DRINK.

One of the most stubbornly fought pieces of legislation that has been before congress is that providing relief for the San Francisco water supply. The proposal is that there shall be a dam and a reservoir site in the Hatch Hetchy valley, which is a part of the Yosemite National Park, but to this there is an objection by those who claim that the project will interfere with the scenic beauties of the spot. Senator Perkins and most of the congressional delegation from California have been fighting for the project. It appears that in 1910 the city of San Francisco voted overwhelmingly \$45,000,000 for the construction of its water system, and that it has acquired two-thirds of the land of the Hatch Hetchy valley, as well as a portion of the dam site. The city has also spent \$1,750,000 in the purchase of privately owned rights in the valley and in the Yosemite tract, and asks congress for permission to build a dam and have rights of way through the public lands. It is pointed out that San Francisco pays higher rates for water than any city of its size in the world, and during the first of the debate in the House it was claimed that in some parts of the city it was necessary to leave a faucet open all night. The old controversy of conservation of our natural resources seems to have entwined itself so effectively about this legislation as almost to strangle it, and the matter has been fought and refought in congress time and again. Now it is said by the opponents of the measure that the farmers who have water rights in the irrigated districts will suffer by reason of the city control of the water supply. This charge is emphatically denied by friends of the measure.

### A NOTABLE SUCCESS.

The last of our visitors are leaving the city, the exhibits are being rapidly removed, and the first exposition of the Panhandle State Fair is a matter of history. The first exposition was a success; we think so and everybody says so, and the people of Amarillo and the Panhandle country have just cause to be proud of the showing made. No fair in Texas this season will make a better showing of exhibits than was made at the fair here, and when we consider the fact that the past season has been the worst this country ever experienced, the showing made is in deed convincing of the marvelous possibilities of the Panhandle as a great agricultural empire.

The credit for the success of the fair just closed is due to the fore sight and unceasing efforts of the men who have given of their time and money during the past two months to launching the enterprise, and their efforts are entitled to our highest commendation. This is not the end, but the beginning. We should begin planning now for the second fair which will be held next year. We can profit by our experience of this year and with a longer time for preparation and the united effort of Amarillo and Panhandle people, the fair next year can reach much greater proportions and score a still greater success.

The value of such an institution as the Panhandle State Fair in the building up of the city and the development of the Panhandle is conceded, and with enthusiastic co-operation it can be made to rank with the first of its kind in the state. Now let us each do our part in making it a great factor for development as the years go by.—Daily Panhandle, Amarillo.

### GRIGGS-MONTGOMERY.

A quiet home wedding took place last night at 8 o'clock when Miss Nona Montgomery, daughter of Mrs. C. Z. Montgomery, 519 Clay street, and Mr. Loy Griggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Griggs, were married. The Rev. W. M. Jackson performed the ceremony. Mr. Charles Montgomery, brother of the bride, and Miss Lois Griggs, sister of the bridegroom, were attendants. The wedding march was played by Miss Evelyn Stalker. The bride wore embroidered net with crystal trimming over white silk messaline and carried white roses. Mrs. N. A. Walker of Valley Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bram of Dennison were out-of-town guests. Mr. and Mrs. Griggs will go to their new home in Tucumcari, N. M., where he has a good position with the El Paso and Southwestern.—From Topeka Daily Capital.

Mr. Griggs is employed by the El Paso and Southwestern railroad company here as time keeper in resident engineer's office.

## HUERTO MAKES HIMSELF DICTATOR

Mexico City, Oct. 11.—Provisional president Victoriano Huerta is absolute dictator of Mexico. His action on dissolving the chamber of deputies and arresting all deputies except those allied with the Catholic party, has given him the sole power of government of the republic.

Mexico City had recovered from the shocks of Huerta's latest coup and to night a calm settled over the city. By many it is felt to be the calm before the storm, but what the effect a storm would be no person here dares prophesy tonight.

### What Will Felix Diaz Do?

The leading question tonight is: "What will Felix Diaz do when he arrives at Vera Cruz and is informed of the conditions?"

By imprisoning all but the Catholic deputies Huerta has clearly indicated that he will support the candidacy of Gamboa at the presidential election October 26. In the meantime Diaz is nearing Mexican shores and has announced he will be a candidate for president.

With the support of Huerta, who controls the government and presidential machinery of practically every state except those in the north which have seceded, Gamboa's election is assured.

### Fears Gamboa's Popularity.

The privately expressed opinion of a prominent Mexican politician was that Huerta seized upon this opportunity to dissolve the chamber as the only means of throwing the majority of the political power into his own hands, thus enabling him to elect Gamboa by an overwhelming majority. Huerta believes that such an election would indicate that the larger portion of the republic has been pacified and allowed to freely express itself at the polls. As there will not be sufficient time to hold elections to elect new deputies before October 26, there will be no chamber of deputies to investigate the election or interfere with any plans the administration might have.

The families and friends of the imprisoned deputies are gravely concerned over what disposition might be made of the prisoners, but Huerta has several times assured all that he will guarantee that no physical harm comes to them. The penitentiary is surrounded by a heavy military guard.

### Streets are Patrolled.

The city is quiet tonight, more so than it has been for many months. Hundreds of police and soldiers, both infantry and cavalry, are patrolling the streets prepared to put down any uprising which might occur. The rapid fire guns which were placed in the palace last February and later withdrawn, were returned today. On every hand there is evidence that the government is prepared to resist any insurgent movement.

All of the newspapers issued in the city today either remained strictly impartial in their discussion of the event or were strongly sympathetic with the Huerta policy.

Minister of foreign affairs Moreno, who was the leader of the government deputies until Huerta offered him a place in the cabinet, said tonight that Huerta took his action against the deputies when it was learned that there was a plot afoot in the chamber to put Huerta out of the way and allow the revolution in the north to triumph.

Early today a great throng surged about the chamber from which the deputies had been unceremoniously taken last night, but after looking at the windows for a time, the crowd gradually melted away and there was no demonstration, owing to the presence of a large guard of troops.

### Huerta Issues Proclamation.

President Huerta tonight issued a proclamation to the nation in which he gave as his reason for dissolving the legislature, they had infringed upon the rights of the executive and the deputies had indicated that their role would prevent the republic from being pacified, thus leading to anarchy.

### DIED.

Baby Rollins—Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Rollins Oct. 12, 1913, age 6 days. The family have the sympathy of their many friends and acquaintances.

See the dumb girls Oct. 24.

### PERMIT ISSUED FOR CALIFORNIA POWER DEVELOPMENT

A water power plant has just been granted by the secretary of agriculture to the Truckee River General Electric Company, of California corporation, under which this company will develop power on the Eldorado national forest, to serve various California towns and cities.

In developing power the company states that it expects to construct seven reservoirs, five for water storage and two for equalizing the flow. Two of the storage reservoirs are on upper Rubicon river. By the use of a tunnel, approximately a mile and a half long, the flow of the upper Rubicon river and the waters stored in these two reservoirs will be brought into the Gierle creek drainage where the waters will be further stored. From this storage the water will be conveyed by ditches and natural streambeds to Pilot creek, upon which two power plants mentioned in the permit are to be located. The water will finally be discharged into the Rubicon river.

At each of the two plants there will be a head of approximately 1,300 feet. The company expects to make an initial installation which will develop about 16,000 horsepower, which will probably be doubled as the market for the product increases.

### Improving the Talking Machine.

Out of the large number of inventions pertaining to talking machines, there has appeared in the Patent Office a simple clarifying, articulating, amplifying attachment for these machines, which M. B. Clausen, the inventor says was discovered by the accidental touching of a fine needle with the finger while a record was being played. Mr. Clausen in his statement for the benefit of the Scientific American said that "he immediately conceived the idea that if he could add power to the vibration of this fine needle it would reproduce all there was in the record with volume equal to that of a heavy needle, without any of the heavy needles effects such as scratch and undertones." By means of a disk attached to the needle near its point the desired volume was obtained and tones never heard before were brought forth. It is declared that as a result "the singer musician was in the room, not in the box." It reproduced all the artist put into the record in the artist's natural voice or the musician's natural touch. The wizard Edison is a statement: several months ago declared that the telephone and talking machine were very imperfect, inasmuch as the enunciation was not as plain and distinct as the human voice in its ordinary use. This has been emphasized in the case of the "talking movies." The discovery of Mr. Clausen may revolutionize the reproduction of talking machine records, and pave the way to more perfect results in telephonic communications.

### OPERA HOUSE NEWS.

The Broadway Players are coming to the opera house for one week (except Friday) starting Monday, October 20th. This splendid organization is absolutely the most worthy stock attraction that ever came to the west. Each play is new and staged correctly. Each member is a stock actor of reputation. The company is enroute to Phoenix where they are booked for twelve weeks, and Tucumcari theatre goers should be proud to welcome this capable company. The opening play "The Whirl of Society" is a play of today, dealing with the cost of high living. Showing how a wife can ruin her husband, and the foolish ideas of a vain and frivolous woman. The goers worn by Margaret Hagen are beautiful, and the state settings are elaborate. The play appeals greatly to the ladies, and is thoroughly enjoyed by the men. Plenty of good comedy runs through the piece, and pleasing specialties amuse between the acts. The Broadway Players will produce many new plays during the week.

### Where All Pull Together.

Mrs. Anderson, of Hanley, who has spent the summer in and around Chicago, was very much interested in the thorough way public institutions are being improved. In one place there are 2,000 elderly people given a home like home and the husband and wife are not separated. At a state ground a great variety of games are supplied and the landscape gardening is equal to that for kings of the old world.

"A Perplexing Situation" by Presbyterian Aid. At Evans Opera House, Oct. 24. Admission: Adults 35c, children 7-12 years, 25c.

## AMARILLO HOLDS "GET TOGETHER" MEETING

A great get-together meeting was held Friday night in the Chamber of Commerce hall, with representatives from practically every county and community showing exhibits in the Panhandle State Fair, Mr. H. Wyatt, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Tucumcari, New Mexico, first vice president of the Co-operative Commercial clubs of Eastern New Mexico and Northwest Texas, presiding, in the absence of President Oldham.

One of the most interesting talks of the evening was that made by Prof. Austin of the extension department of the Texas University. His subject was "Rural Finance in Germany and European Countries." It will be remembered that Prof. Austin has recently returned from abroad where he was delegated not long since as a member of an investigating commission from the United States. So impressed were officers and members of the association by the worth of Prof. Austin's talk, that he was unanimously invited to be present at the meeting in June in Portales and give a talk along similar lines. The speaker responded to numerous questions, especially from farmers present who are deeply interested in the theme discussed.

Victor M. Friar, secretary Chamber of Commerce, Trinidad, Colorado spoke complimentary to the co-operative spirit in Texas, and congratulating the combined forces for bringing about a fair such as is here shown. He told of his appreciation of association with Texas people during this trip.

J. J. Moore advanced man for the exposition to be held in Dallas in 1914, was also present and told about the scheme and asked for co-operation of farmers entering a plea for exhibits from all sections. The question, "What Is It We Need Most in This Country?" was then discussed. Every man in the room expressed his views responsive to this question, the discussion taking the form of round-table talks. Stock and head law amendment, agricultural development through railroad departments, and state and national governments more county fairs and developing what is at hand here in the country, before going north and east to bring other peoples into these sections.

C. E. White of Plainview stated before the close of the meeting that his town and county will begin Monday preparations for the Panhandle State Fair next year. This statement was echoed by practically the entire attendance.

The meeting continued until midnight and the booster spirit prevailed unbroken.

### Quay County Game Protective Association Notes.

This is proving one of the liveliest organizations ever launched in Quay county. The membership is daily increasing and the spontaneous response to the appeal to the fair minded sportsmen is evidence that much good will be accomplished.

Some few individuals seem to think there is no wrong in violating a law so long as they don't get caught. All right, boys, go ahead and shoot and trap quail if you want to take a chance, but remember, a number of additional deputy game wardens have recently been appointed in various parts of the county and the odds are against you. Wouldn't it be better to just wait a few days longer until the season opens and not have the thought that you are a law breaker, preying on your conscience? And too, you might get caught and a \$50 fine would cut a hole in your income, not to mention the humiliation of a trial and the general knowledge among your fellow men that you have failed to measure up to the standard of a good sportsman.

That this association is very much alive it might be well for the careless to let these facts soak in. Since organizing about two weeks ago, this association has knowledge of these facts. That on Sunday, Oct. 5th three Tucumcari hunters were caught shooting quail near Hanley and were run off the premises.

That on the day previous two Tucumcari hunters were caught shooting quail in the Hanley vicinity and warned against further violation of the law and that they are reported to have come on to the Hargis vicinity and resumed slaughter of quail.

That one man has been reported as a self confessed trapper of quail.

### JUDGE TELLS QUAY COUNTY DEPUTY TO ACCEPT BOND

A telephone message from Judge Lieb of the Eighth judicial district, instructing Deputy Woodward to accept the bond tendered by H. R. R. Smith, president of the State Bank of Las Cruces, saved that gentleman's attorneys the necessity of arguing a writ of habeas corpus before Judge Reynolds yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Smith was indicted by the recent Quay county grand jury on a charge growing out of the recent closing of the State Bank of Tucumcari. A warrant was issued and the deputy sent to Las Cruces to serve it. Arriving there he confronted Mr. Smith, who at once tendered bond, in the sum named in the warrant. This security the deputy refused to accept and insisted that the banker at once accompany him back to Tucumcari. Mr. Smith complied and the party reached Albuquerque yesterday morning. Arriving here former Judge E. A. Mann was consulted and a petition for a writ of habeas corpus was presented to Judge Reynolds, who at once ordered the issuance of an alternative writ. Before hearing on the writ could be had the deputy received telephone instructions from District Judge Lieb ordering him to accept the bond.

Mr. Smith left last night for Tucumcari, accompanied by Judge Mann of this city and Attorneys James H. Paxton and Mark B. Thompson of Las Cruces. The banker before leaving expressed the opinion that he would have no difficulty in clearing himself of the charges named in the indictment.—Albuquerque Herald.

### BANKERS IN CONVENTION.

One of the most important conventions of the year is that of the American Bankers' Association, in session for the past few days in Boston. It is interesting not merely as an index of business sentiment, but since it assembles a group of men who control the fortunes of millions of people.

Often the banker has been the autocrat of his community. Before his penetrating eye, there pass daily in review the successes and failures of the little local business world. One man gets his renewal easily, while another, apparently far more prosperous, is brought to time with a jerk. Long training makes the banker a keen judge of mental and business habits.

As the country has grown richer and the loanable capital has vastly increased, the banking business has been tremendously overdone. Recent statistics, for instance, give Nebraska one bank for every 1750 people.

Consequently competition for the good accounts grows sharper. Ambitious young men who seem to possess possibilities are urged to start little checking deposits, though the profit on their balances may not half pay the cost of bookkeeping. There is always the chance that one of them may develop into a big fellow.

So the banker can not afford financial life and death with the curt indifference of old. Instead of sitting passive in a prim, simple little office, he put in tiled floors and silky rugs to give an impression of prosperity, and goes out there from to hustle for the new concern's accounts before the incorporation papers are filed.

The banker holds the balance between old prudence on one hand, and chimerical enterprise on the other. Realizing the almost superhuman difficulty of the task, he is considerably given to convention going, that he may consult with others of his calling. Hence the American bankers' gathering is one of the best attended of the big professional meetings.

### NOTICE.

A few nights ago the night engineer at the city pumping station discovered a man prowling around the plant. He attempted to get an officer by phone but failed. He then came up town in search of an officer. From this it seems that a report started to the effect that a Mexican was in the stand pipe. The report may have been started as a joke but the authorities are investigating and an arrest may be made.

Such a thing is not impossible but not probable and you can rest assured that if such was to happen, the authorities would be the first to notify you to stop using the water.

The Tucumcari Light & Power Co. have charge of the plant and they are doing everything possible to protect the public water supply.

Respectfully,

D. C. FOX,  
Superintendent.

See the "Lazy Dances" Oct. 24, 1913.